go into that because Mr. Salve was also a Minister in I and B.

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER : One grandfather has already admitted.

SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA : Usually the principle that is followed whenever such a thing comes up is, a Cabinet note is sent to all the departments. I am not sure whether the previous Government sent it to the Defence Ministry. But I suppose all the department's notes came in according to the Cabinet's Memo of circulation. I will have to check it up and answer.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE : Sir, the installation of an antenna has not been permitted for the civilians who reside in that area where an ordnance factory is located at Bhandara. The Defence Minister had done that.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The Defence Minister was the Chief Minister when this question came up.

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER : What a bad legacy, Sir ?

SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA : Any licence to be given is controlled by the Department of Telecommunication and they being the nodal agency deal with other departments as well, including Defence department.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Financial requirements for fertilizer projects

*143. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have set up an inter-ministerial working group to study the financial requirements for setting up fertilizer projects during the Eighth Plan period ;

(b) if so, by when the study group would submit its report ;

(c) whether the production of fertilizer by public sector enterprises is not upto the mark ; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to tone up the production capacity of fertilizer units in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA (MOHAN) : (a) and (b) On 24th March, 1992, Inter-Ministerial Committee for assessing and quantifying the requirement of funds and for identifying the possible sources of funds for various fertilizer projects in the public and cooperative sectors that are under consideration. The Committee expects to submit its report by June, 1992.

(c) Except the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation (HFC) and the Fertilizer Corporation of India (FCI), which are old loss making companies in the public sector, the other public sector fertilizer companies are performing well in terms of fertilizer production.

(d) The overall production performance of the fertilizer industry has been satisfactory, as is evident from 88.5% capacity utilisation in the case of nitrogenous plants and 93% in the case of phosphatic plants during 1991-92.

To improve production further, Government is encouraging various units to undertake revamping/retrofit measures which can increase production and improve viability.

Transfer of Rocket Technology from Russia

*146. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Russia has suspended transfer of rocket technology to India ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) what is the latest position about the contract signed between Russian and Indian space agencies about transfer of rocket technology ; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take for transfer of rocket technology from Russia ?